

**METHOD FOR SELECTIVE REPLACEMENT OF DISCRETE PRINT  
MEDIA PATH COMPONENTS**

**ABSTRACT**

A printing device has a number of discrete components in a path traversed by  
5 print media. The number of uses of each discrete component in the print path is  
individually monitored and recorded. The number of individual uses of at least one  
discrete component is provided at the printing device and/or over a communications  
network.